

*Between classes only*

APPENDIX B

SELECTION OF ORIGINAL CLASS - HIERARCHY OF CRITERIA

- A. Most comprehensive claim
  - 1. Encompasses the most organizational elements (larger combination rather than a subcombination)
  - 2. Details of subcombination are irrelevant
  - 3. Greatest extent of subject matter (e.g., preform vs. final article)
- B. Superiority of statutory categories of inventions:
  - 1. Process (of using product)
  - 2. Product (of manufacture)
  - 3. Process (of making a product)
  - 4. Apparatus (performing 3 to make 2)
  - 5. Material (used in 3 to make 2)
- C. Order of relative superiority of types of subject matter
  - 1. Subject matter relating to maintenance or preservation of life
  - 2. Chemical subject matter
  - 3. Electrical subject matter
  - 4. Mechanical subject matter
    - a. Dynamic
    - b. Static
- D. Classes listed by related subject (located in front of Manual of Classification)
  - 1. Relative position of the class in a given group governs placement